

# East County Intercom



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Newsletter

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## *Congratulations and Welcome to East County!*

Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center and East County Citizens Advisory Board "Congratulates and Welcomes" **Ms. Joy Nurmi**, Director, Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center and **Ms. Nancy Navarro**, Council Member, District 4.

Joy Nurmi came to the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center from the County Council. She has served three Councilmembers since 1995: Don Praisner, Marilyn Praisner and Betty Ann Krahne. Before serving at the Council, Ms. Nurmi was the County Editor for The Gazette Newspapers.

Nancy Navarro was appointed by the Montgomery County Board of Education in October 2004 to fill the term of the vacant District 5 seat. In 2006, she was elected to a four-year term, and was elected President in 2006 and 2007, respectively. During her tenure at the Board, she has focused her efforts on Kindergarten readiness, advancing the achievement of the county's neediest students, strengthening parent engagement, and increasing BOE accountability to its stakeholders. *East County looks forward to their significant contributions & commitment!*

*Congratulations* are also being extended to **Ms. Vanessa Ali**, current member of East County Citizens Advisory Board and a long time resident of Burtonsville. Ms. Ali has been elected President for the Montgomery County chapter of the National Organization For Women. Vanessa Ali is the founder and President of All-U-Need Personnel in Washington, D.C. She has served on several boards across Montgomery County and is a graduate of the Leadership Montgomery Program. In addition, she founded and established Vanessa Ali Ministries, which is a Maryland 501(c) non profit organization that encourages women to reach their highest potential in life.

## Upcoming Events at the Center



### **School Supply Drive - July and August** **Help Low Income Students Get** **Ready To Learn!**

More than 37,600 Montgomery County school students are eligible for free or reduced meals during each school year. These working families are trying to provide the basic daily necessities, so imagine those same families trying to find additional money to buy the school supplies their children are required to have at the start of the school year. You can help students from these families get the school supplies needed for them to start school fully *Ready to Learn!*

### **Please be generous and pledge to donate to** ***The School Supplies Drive***

When: July 1, 2009 until August 31, 2009 Drop off time: 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Where: Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center  
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

Supplies: Backpacks, pens, pencils, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, calculators, colored pencils, rulers, glue sticks, binders, composition books, erasers, etc.



For more information, please call 240-777-2600 or visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer) and click on *Ready to Learn!* for more information on how you can help.



**Holiday Schedule**  
**Independence Day – to**  
**view go to:**

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/dwn/PressRelease/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=5698](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/dwn/PressRelease/PR_details.asp?PrID=5698)

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## Topics of Interest

- East County Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Information
- The Peoples Community Wellness Center



### **The Peoples' Community** **Wellness Center at EMRSC**

A Cooperative Venture between the  
People's Community Wellness Center  
(TPCWC), Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) & Mobile Med. For questions, call  
TPCWC at (301) 847-1172

**Montgomery County Police**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. Police - Silver Spring**  
**801 Sligo Avenue,**  
**Silver Spring, MD 20910**  
**Tel #(301) 565-7740**

**Free Legal Advice Clinics**—The Montgomery County Bar Foundation Pro Bono Program, in partnership with Eastern Montgomery Regional Services, provides **free Legal Advice Consultations** for low income residents on Thursday, **July 2 and July 9, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm**. A client intake must be completed before 6:00 pm. For more information, call the Pro Bono Program Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (301) 424-7651 or (301) 424-7652 or (301) 424-7633. Clinics are held at the **Eastern Montgomery Regional Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring**. For directions call 240-777-8400



**Senior Driver Safety Class Saturday, July 25, 8:30 am- 12:30 pm**- Attendees simply attend the one, 4-hour class and they receive their completion certificate! The class registration fees have been slightly adjusted: \$12.00 for AARP members and \$14.00 for non-AARP members. (John Nash will continue to collect the fee on the day of the class). **Saturday, July 25, 8:30 am- 12:30 pm**; 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904; Language: English. Limited Seats only! Call # (240) 777-8400 immediately to register!!!



### Summer Youth Cruiser Passes available in East County!

The Summer Youth Cruiser Passes are available for purchase from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F) at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. County residents 18 and younger can take unlimited rides between **June 1 and August 31 for only \$15**. This is half off the Regular Youth Cruiser Pass fare of \$10 a month. **Please bring proof of age (passport or birth certificate.)** Credit card payments are only accepted with mail-in orders. **PLEASE BRING EXACT CHANGE!** For more information, please go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/tsvtmpl.asp?url=/content/DOT/transit/routesandschedules/brochures/youth.asp>

### Events held at the Center

**East County Legislative Forum**- The East County Legislative Forum organized by the East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB) in conjunction with the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. Senator Rona Kramer; Del. Herman Taylor; Del. Anne Kaiser; and Del. Karen Montgomery from District 14 and Sen. Jamie Raskin and Del. Tom Hucker from District 20 spoke on bills that were introduced and approved in the last legislative session. Topics covered included **education, healthcare, transportation, and safety**. A period of questions and answers followed.



**Capital Improvement Projects Forum** – On June 10, 2009 The East County Citizen's Advisory Board hosted a community forum to review and comment on the County's major facility projects in the East County Region. Among the projects discussed were the improvements to *Sherwood, Fairland and Jackson Road Elementary schools* and the start of the major renovation at *Paint Branch high school* which are all scheduled to begin in FY 2010. The *White Oak Recreation Center* was also presented with an adjusted construction start date of January/February 2010. This facility will be located near the intersection of April and Stewart lanes in White Oak.

The new 3<sup>rd</sup> District Police station was also presented with a proposed site layout on property at the juncture of Route 29 and New Hampshire Avenue. Design work has begun on this project. Other projects discussed were the proposals for a *new Fire station* in the vicinity of Tech road and Industrial Blvd., the *Burtonsville Revitalization Project* and the *Burtonsville Access road*.

**New 3<sup>rd</sup> District Police Station** – A community meeting was held on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Regional Center to allow the County to present its initial plans for the new 3<sup>rd</sup> District police station in White Oak. The site is a 12 acre parcel of land situated just north of the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Route 29. Don Scheuerman with the Department of General Services presented the preliminary plans for the station. Mr. Rick Nelson, the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs also presented some preliminary concepts for housing proposed to be co-located on this same site. Approximately 45 people were in attendance who presented their concerns and suggestions.

## News from other Departments and Agencies

### Montgomery Limits on Parking for Commercial Vehicles, RVs, Buses Go Into Effect July 1

*Parking Will Be Prohibited on Certain Neighborhood Streets.* Check out the details at:

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=5684](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_details.asp?PrID=5684)

**Four Sports Clinics to be Offered by Recreation Department** - Four, one-week sports clinics will be presented by the Montgomery County Department of Recreation in July. **The clinics, which are open to Montgomery County middle and high school students, are designed to improve an athlete's skills and game fundamentals.** The clinics are listed below:

- ▶ The Speed and Agility Clinic – focusing on speed, plyometrics, flexibility and agility – will be held July 6 through 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at [Wheaton High School](#), 12601 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring.
- ▶ The Fundamentally Sound Basketball Clinic will be offered July 13 through 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at [Springbrook High School](#), 201 Valleybrook Dr., Silver Spring.
- ▶ A soccer clinic will be offered July 20 through 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the [Hillandale Recreation Park](#), 10615 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring.
- ▶ A football clinic will be held July 27 through 31, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the [Fairland Recreation Park](#), 10615 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring.

**Student ID's are required. The cost of each clinic is \$50 and pre-registration is required.** To register for any of the camps, go online at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec) and follow the link to recweb. Registration forms are also available in the summer camps guide or can be picked up at area recreation centers.

For more information, call **Jewell Lyons at 240-777-8094**



**Update on Safe Speed Camera** : Captain John Damskey of the Montgomery County Police discusses with the County Council how the County's Safe Speed camera program has resulted in slower vehicle speeds and fewer collisions and describes in detail how the program works. Check it out at [http://www.youtube.com/view\\_play\\_list?p=F02C3CC20EDE34EA](http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=F02C3CC20EDE34EA)

**Consumer Compass**—As part of the County's outreach and education efforts, the Office of Consumer Protection has helped produce a new cable TV show called:

**"Consumer Compass."** The first episode addresses trespassing complaints and tips on how to avoid problems with household moving firms. Check out details at

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/cable/site/programDetail.asp?date=06/14/2009&time=3:45%20pm>

**Message from Dream Dinners, Silver Spring** - Did you know more and more families are cutting back on eating out to save money? Teaching kids how to cook is part of the equation - kids cooking classes are springing up across the country (see link below), and we at Silver Spring Dream Dinners are making sure that local kids get the fun as well. Our June summer cooking camp just wrapped up and we are gearing up for the August camp. For more details email [Yihung.Mohs@dreamdinners.com](mailto:Yihung.Mohs@dreamdinners.com)

[http://abclocal.go.com/wis/story?section=resources/lifestyle\\_community/food&id=6857909](http://abclocal.go.com/wis/story?section=resources/lifestyle_community/food&id=6857909)

**Mark your Calendars for Montgomery's 20th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale; Local Farms Will Open for Visitors July 25-26** - Montgomery County will celebrate its agricultural heritage, promote local farms, and provide residents the opportunity to indulge in seasonally fresh food during the 20th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale. For more information go to:

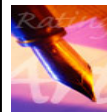
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### Brookside Gardens 40th Anniversary

Brookside Gardens celebrates its 40th Anniversary (the ruby anniversary) in 2009. For more information go to

[http://www.mcparkandplanning.org/brookside/bg\\_40anniversary.shtm](http://www.mcparkandplanning.org/brookside/bg_40anniversary.shtm)



### Grant Writing Workshop in Washington, DC | July 23-24, 2009—

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant writing workshop in Washington, July 23-24, 2009. Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend. Purchase orders, checks and cards are welcome. Multi-enrollment discounts are available. Tuition payment is not required at the time of enrollment. Tuition is \$425 and includes all materials: workbook and accompanying 420MB resource CD that's packed full of tools and more than 200 sample grant proposals. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary. For more information including venue location and maps, graduate testimonials and instant, online enrollment, please visit <http://grantwritingusa.com/events/write/mwcog0709.html>

**Contact:** Cathy Rittenhouse, Grant Writing USA 800.814.8191 [cathy@grantwritingusa.com](mailto:cathy@grantwritingusa.com) OR Janet Ernst, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 202.962.3228 [jernst@mwcog.org](mailto:jernst@mwcog.org). *More than 10,000 agencies across America turn to Grant Writing USA for grant writing, grant management and grant research training.*

**FeST-AbiLiTy Resource & Awareness Festival** - Disability festival and resource fair for people with disabilities on July 19 from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Free food, activities, moon bounces, resource booths and speakers. Will be held at the Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, VA. Hosted by the Virginia Ability Alliance, for more information go to: <http://www.thearcofnova.org/>

**Summer School** - Elementary summer school starts July 6, High school summer Session II registration deadline is July 10. For more information go to: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/extendedhours/summerschool/>



**New Policy for Reserving New Feature Film DVDs at Montgomery County Public Libraries to Go Into Effect July 1; Number of DVDs to be borrowed increases** - Beginning July 1 in all Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL), the number of Express DVDs customers may borrow at one time will increase from five to 10. For more information go to

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=5702](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=5702)

**Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866 Tel 240-773-9460. To review the Marilyn J. Praisner Library's upcoming events and other learning programs go to Calendar of Events at:**

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&el=&dl=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=llist&cn=0&private=0&lib=5>

**White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 Tel 240-773-9555.** For more information go to <http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&el=&dl=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=llist&cn=0&private=0&lib=20>

*For details on events being hosted at the White Oak Library, please go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rsc/eastco/>*

**FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS - go to [http://montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/News/press/PR\\_list.asp](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/News/press/PR_list.asp)**

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<https://ext01.montgomerycountymd.gov/entp/s1p/esubpublic/newssubscriber.do>

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Feel free to email us at  
[eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov)

**All branches of the Montgomery County Public Libraries will be closed on Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.**



Meeting and conference room space is available at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center. To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at #(240) 777-2706

## East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)

*Residents are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments.*

**Our next ECCAB meeting will be held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 7:15pm**

**For questions please contact : Tel (240) 777-8400 / TTY (240) 777-8418**

**Meetings are open to the Public!**

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3300 Briggs Chaney Road  
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web : <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastco>



## FREE Compost Bins

available at EMRSC

Call 240-777-8400

M-F 8:30 am -5:00 pm

**Metro Outlines Independence Day Service** - On Saturday, July 4, Metrorail will run from 7:00 am to 3:00 am, and operate near rush-hour level service from 4:00 pm to midnight. Trains will run on their usual routes on all five rail lines and the Smithsonian Metrorail station will be open, a change from previous years. Additionally, free parking will be available for nearly 60,000 automobiles at Metro-owned facilities. For more information go to: [http://www.wmata.com/about\\_metro/news/PressReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=2646](http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/news/PressReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=2646)